

## **MONUMENTAL CHURCH**

**1224 East Broad Street**

Constructed between 1812 and 1814, this church was built as a memorial to the 72 people, including the governor of Virginia, who burned to death while attending a performance in a theater on the site. In designing the building, architect Robert Mills produced one of the nation's earliest and most distinctive Greek Revival churches. A shallow dome covers an octagonal sanctuary, and a portico holds a memorial urn. The ashes of those who perished remain in a crypt below the church. Monumental Church served an Episcopal parish until 1965, then became a chapel for the adjacent Medical College of Virginia. The Historic Richmond Foundation now holds title and opens the church for special tours.